

## Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Dental

### Program Operating Plan

<b>Program or Division Name</b>	Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Dental
<b>Bureau</b>	Children's Health
<b>Associateship</b>	Family Health
<b>Program Purpose</b>	Provides dental <b>screening, diagnostic, preventive, and treatment services</b> for Medicaid-enrolled children through the age of 20. These services are obtained at private Medicaid dental provider offices, TDH clinics, and school health centers through <b>community-based systems of care</b> . THSteps dental staff interact with Medicaid recipients, Medicaid providers, and community resources such as schools to <b>assist recipients in obtaining THSteps services</b> .
<b>Major Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop, plan, implement, and evaluate <b>dental health policy</b> within the program.</li><li>• <b>Collaboration</b> with the Health and Human Services Commission and the Medicaid Contractor to implement health policy.</li><li>• Respond to and resolve <b>Medicaid provider issues</b>.</li><li>• Resolve <b>client issues</b> and provide <b>technical assistance</b> to THSteps Outreach.</li></ul>
<b>Population Served</b>	Medicaid enrolled children, birth through 20 years.
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Program Objectives	
<b>Fiscal Year 2003 Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilitate and support the implementation of preventive, therapeutic and, in some cases, orthodontic care for all THSteps eligibles in Texas.</li><li>• Recruitment and retention of dental providers.</li></ul>
<b>Services Provided/ Activities</b>	<p>Health Care Safety Net Services</p> <p><b>Direct health care:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reimbursement for dental examinations, treatment, and orthodontia services.</li></ul> <p><b>Enabling:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outreach and informing to ensure clients are aware of and have access to Medicaid services for which they are eligible.</li></ul> <p><b>Population-based:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• N/A</li></ul> <p><b>Infrastructure-building:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Needs assessments, planning and policy development, utilization reviews and monitoring, provider training, provider recruitment and retention, and establishment of infrastructure systems.</li></ul> <p>Essential Public Health Services (EPHS)</p> <p><b>No. 7 Link individuals who have a need for community and personal health services to appropriate community and private providers.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide information and referral</li></ul> <p>Administrative Activities</p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>Program Evaluation</b>	<p>Performance Measures</p>
Performance Measures: State	N/A
Performance Measures: Federal	N/A

## Texas Health Steps (THSteps) Dental

- Mandate/authority**    State:
- 25 TAC      33.301 - 33.338, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
- Federal:
- Title XIX, Social Security Act, Grants to States for Medical Assistance Programs.

**Origins of program (if no mandate)**      N/A

**Program Rules**      Title 25 Health Services  
Part I Texas Department of Health  
Chapter 33 Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment  
Subchapter G Dental Services

**Advisory Committee or Regulatory Board**      Oral Health Services Advisory Committee

### Method of Appointment

- Appointment is made by the TDH Board of Health
- 12 Members – 4 consumers, 8 non-consumers
- Term of each member is 6 years

### Oral Health Services Advisory Committee

Member Name	City of Residence	Professional or Consumer	Term
Michael Vaclav DDS	Amarillo	Professional	2004
Gladys Arjona RDH	Harlingen	Professional	2007
Janet S. Bartlett RN	El Paso	Professional	2004
Jose Cazares Jr. DDS	McAllen	Professional	2004
Nancy Hardie	Farmers Branch	Consumer	2004
Evelyn Henry RN	Houston	Consumer	2002
Joel T. Hutton	Flower Mound	Consumer	2007
Dietmar Kennel DDS	Lubbock	Professional	2007
Billy Rex Law DDS	Pittsburg	Professional	2002
Joe Segura	San Antonio	Consumer	2007
Douglas M. Simmons DDS	Houston	Professional	2002
Vacant		Professional	2002